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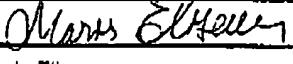
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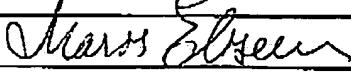
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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action, mailed September 1, 2006 (Paper No. 20060829), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

- amendments to the specification are set forth in section a);
- amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section b);

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section c).